

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2018

Live Births increased in April as 5,722 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,640 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 4-month period also increased while births for the 12 months ending with April decreased. For January-April, births increased from 22,961 to 23,235.

Deaths increased slightly in April as 5,188 Missourians died compared with 4,821 in April 2017. Deaths also increased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, there were 22,778 Missouri resident deaths compared with 21,767 for the similar time period in 2017.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 534 (5,722 births minus 5,188 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the natural increase declined from 12,634 in 2017 to 10,413.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the cumulative 12 months ending with April, marriages decreased by 4.9 percent from 41,697 to 39,652.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods. For January-April, dissolutions decreased from 6,238 to 5,901. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio remained at 2.10, the same as the previous year.

Infant Deaths increased slightly in April as 33 Missouri infants died compared with 31 in April of 2017. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate increased slightly from 6.1 to 6.2 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan. — April Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Live Births	5,640	5,722	11.2	11.4	22,961	23,235	11.4	11.5	73,738	73,291	12.3	12.1	12.0
Deaths	4,821	5,188	9.6	10.3	21,767	22,778	10.8	11.3	61,104	62,878	9.7	10.0	10.3
Natural increase	819	534	1.6	1.1	1,194	457	0.6	0.2	12,634	10,413	2.6	2.1	1.7
Marriages	3,250	2,998	6.5	6.0	9,321	8,657	4.6	4.3	41,697	39,652	6.9	6.8	6.5
Dissolutions	1,620	1,567	3.2	3.1	6,238	5,901	3.1	2.9	19,854	18,850	3.2	3.3	3.1
Infant deaths	31	33	5.5	5.8	138	139	6.0	6.0	452	457	6.8	6.1	6.2
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,114	6,130	....	....	6,114	6,130	....	....	6,079	6,099	6,119

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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